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HEAD QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT No. 2.

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GENERAL ORDERS, }

No. 91.

THE following regulations for the Subsistence Department, are published for the information and government of all connected with the Forces.

THE RATION.

1. From this date, until otherwise ordered, the component parts of the ration issued, will be as follows:

PORK OR BACON, to the ration,	- - - - -	8 ounces.
SALT OR FRESH BEEF, "	- - - - -	1 pound.
FLOUR OR CORN MEAL, "	- - - - -	12 ounces.
or HARD BREAD, "	- - - - -	1 pound.
BEANS OR PEAS, to 100 rations,	- - - - -	8 quarts.
or RICE (in lieu of beans or peas),	- - - - -	10 pounds.
COFFEE, to 100 rations,	- - - - -	3 "
RYE, "	- - - - -	3 "
SUGAR, "	- - - - -	12 "
MOLASSES, "	- - - - -	8 quarts.
VINEGAR, "	- - - - -	4 "
SOAP, "	- - - - -	4 pounds.
SALT, "	- - - - -	3 quarts.
SPERM CANDLES, "	- - - - -	1 pound.
or TALLOW, "	- - - - -	1 1/2 pounds.

LARD may be drawn once in each week in lieu of bacon:

8 ounces to the ration,

PORK OR BACON, two days in seven.

FRESH OR SALT BEEF, five days in seven.

Extra issues of Fresh Vegetables when practicable.

The Commutation price of a ration, until further orders, will be Twenty-five Cents.

ISSUES.

1. Whenever practicable, or required by the Chief of Subsistence of the Department, BRIGADE COMMISSARIES will draw provisions from the Subsistence Depot, for periods of seven days at a time, for their respective Commands, upon Consolidated provision returns, (see form No. 14, Army Regulations,) specifying the numerical strength of each regiment drawn for, and in detail the number of rations required. These returns will also embrace estimates for issues to Brigade and Regimental Hospitals, for ordinary wastage, and for sales to officers, and must show amount of articles severally on hand from previous issues, or by purchase, to be deducted from total amount required.

2. The number of officers, and officers' servants, actually employed, should be stated in a separate line on each return.

3. CONSOLIDATED PROVISION RETURNS for a Brigade, besides the usual certificate of its correctness, must receive the approval of the Commandant of the Brigade, who shall also certify that the return has been examined, compared with the morning report, and found correct.

4. The returns of Companies, Battalions, or Regiments, detached from Brigades, must be examined, compared and certified to by the Division Commissary, or Chief Commissary of the Corps, when practicable; when not practicable, by the Commandant of the detached forces; who shall also certify to the fact of detachment, and that rations have not been drawn for them for the period specified.

5. When a Company, Battalion, or Regiment is detached, a certificate should be given by the Brigade or other Commissary by whom their last supplies were drawn, to the Commandant of the detached forces, specifying to what date he had drawn for it.

6. Whenever practicable, the companies of a detached regiment, or battalion, should draw together, upon a consolidated provision return, examined and certified to as above required.

7. COMPANY COMMANDERS, on making out their provision returns, will append a certificate setting forth that the number of men included, corresponds actually with the number of men present in camp.

8. All provision returns will be sent to the office of Chief Depot Commissary for examination, and, whenever practicable, on the day before the issue will be required.

9. General officer, the Field and Staff, detached or General Hospitals, troops in transit, employees in the several Departments, and others unattached to Brigades, entitled to purchase or draw rations, will be supplied from Post or Distributing Depots.

10. Issues to Brigade Commissaries for sales to officers, will be confined to one full ration per day to each officer, and one full ration for each officer's servant, actually employed as such.

11. In issuing to Brigade Commissaries, deliveries will be made in bulk or unbroken packages, approximating conveniently to the amount required.

12. To avoid multiplicity of accounts with the Treasury, Regimental Commissaries attached to Brigades, will not receive or issue in bulk, but only from BRIGADE COMMISSARIES for distribution to Companies.

13. Outstanding debts contracted under orders of superior officers, will, if practicable, be paid by the purchasing officer, from funds held by or transferred to him for that purpose, on vouchers approved by the officer under whose order the debts were contracted or purchase made.

14. DISBURSING OFFICERS, or agents of the Subsistence Department, connected with this army, will, on the first of each month, forward to the Chief of Subsistence copies of their monthly Summary Statement of Funds, and a list of their purchases for the preceding month.

11. All orders in any way conflicting with the foregoing Regulations are revoked from this date.

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